DD Programmes Production Centre at Dharwad, Karnataka

1945. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to establish a separate Doordarshan Programmes Production Centre, at Dharwad; and

(b) if so, the steps taken therefor to promote culture and to give importance to the artists of North Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) At present, there is no scheme to set up a Doordarshan Programme Production Centre at Dharwad. Two Studios at Bangalore and Gulbarga are presently functioning in Karnataka, which seek to promote the culture of Karnataka. The Studio at Gulbarga provides opportunities to the artists of Northern Karnataka.

Negligence of officials of TV Centre at Mainpuri in UP

†1946. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that whenever there is power failure/telecast is not resumed for a long time due to negligence of officials of TV Centre at Mainpuri, Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government have taken for proper telecast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that the Power supply position at LPT, Mainpuri is very erratic. There are frequent and long duration breakdowns in power supply and about eight hours of transmission everyday has to be given with the help of diesel generator. Minor interruption in service, for about 2 minutes, occurs each time the source of supply is changed over from the mains to the generator and *vice-versa*.

(c) Electricity authorities have been requested by Prasar Bharati to provide interruption free power supply at LPT, Mainpuri.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.